

# Virginia Syndromic Surveillance Advisory Group (VSSAG) Meeting 3 – January 17, 2018

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## In Attendance:

- Erin Austin, Virginia Department of Health
- Em Stephens, Virginia Department of Health
- Jonathan Falk, Virginia Department of Health
- Arden Norfleet, Virginia Department of Health
- Katie Kurkjian, Virginia Department of Health
- Diane Woolard, Virginia Department of Health
- Lisa Sollot, Virginia Department of Health
- Janet Engle, Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance
- Trish Bair, Virginia Department of Health
- Stuart Hutter, University of Virginia Health System
- Denise Sockwell, Virginia Department of Health
- Patrick Ashley, Virginia Department of Health
- Marshall Vogt, Virginia Department of Health
- Beverly Sturgill, Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital
- Colleen Ryan-Smith, Virginia Department of Health
- Angie West, Virginia Department of Health
- Paige Bordwine, Virginia Department of Health
- Julia Gohlke, Virginia Tech
- Chadwick Doyle, Virginia Fusion Center
- Andrea Chapman, Sentara Martha Jefferson
- Anna Barringer, Virginia Department of Health
- Morris Reece, Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association

## Discussion Notes

- Colleen Ryan-Smith – Ten-day periods for quarterly continued access requests intended to be 10 calendar or 10 business days
  - Em Stephens – originally intended to be 10 calendar days to provide a total 40 days for process to complete
- Stuart Hutter – Does facility-level access provide out-of-state patient information?
  - Em Stephens – Yes, out-of-state and out-of-country patients available by facility location
- Erin Austin – suppression rules

- Andrea Chapman – Is there a way to set up permissions to view other nearby facilities? It would be useful for IPs to know what's going on with other facilities around the area.
  - Diane Woolard – One of the reasons VDH has steered clear of this kind of access in the past was to prevent facilities from using the data to observe competitors' market shares. Wanted to be sensitive of hospitals' business concerns
  - Andrea Chapman – Intention would be to only use the data for infection prevention purposes
  - Stuart Hutter – Agree that this kind of access would be beneficial
- Erin Austin – How to define regions for other organizations?
  - Em Stephens – Discussed internally that VDH would try to provide access to users' organizational regions; users would need to indicate jurisdictions covered